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## John Wycliffe

Thirty-one years after his death in 1384, John Wycliffe was excommunicated, and thirteen years later, his bones were dug up, burned, the ashes thrown into the River Swift, a tributary of the Avon.

The Avon to the Severn runs,  
The Severn to the sea,  
And Wycliffe's dust shall spread abroad  
Wide as the waters be.

John Wycliffe was born of a noble family near Richmond in Yorkshire in 1329. Educated at Oxford, he became Master of Balliol College and lived and taught there most of his life even while holding church appointments, the last as vicar at Lutterworth near Birmingham.

Wycliffe was the first evangelical reformer. For the last twenty years of his life he was the constant and outspoken critic of the Church's doctrine and life. His attacks against the lives of the clergy with their "red and fat cheeks and great bellies" and his repudiation of transubstantiation, saint-worship, and papal pretensions roused the bitter hostility of the hierarchy. But Wycliffe, idol of the people and favourite of the king, was not to be silenced even though cited before several synods. The same errors he opposed in his sermons, which, to university students, were in Latin, to the common people in English. At Oxford he trained his "Poor Preachers", itinerants who went out, barefoot and staff in hand, to expound the Scriptures wherever they had the opportunity.

To Wycliffe the one basis for Christian belief and life was the Holy Bible. "Even though there were a hundred popes and all the monks were transformed into cardinals, in matters of faith their opinion would be of no account, unless they were founded on Scripture." Aided by his disciples, he began the translation of the Bible from the Latin Vulgate and in 1382 issued the first complete English Bible.



# Your Missions Around the World

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MISSIONS CORRESPONDENT

## CURFEW IN CEYLON

In a report dated 28 July, Missionary V. Suehs of the Lutheran Mission in Ceylon describes the tension between the Singhalese and the Tamil Indians, imported by British tea planters into Ceylon many years ago. As a result, a state of emergency has been declared and a curfew imposed.

'Due to a country-wide curfew from 6 P.M. to 6 A.M. we are unable to conduct evening services at some of our preaching stations inland. We did, however, manage one station by going there one day and conducting a service in one member's home for his family and also a children's instruction class before the curfew. Then we stayed overnight in this member's home. The next morning we were up at 5.30 and left his home at 6 A.M. We drove to our regular meeting place where we conducted a service for the remainder of the group, who were assembled and waiting at 6.15 A.M. After a half-hour service, they all rushed to change their clothes and be at work at 7 A.M. I don't doubt that most of them were a bit late for work that morning.

In April, our only other missionary stationed here returned to the States for furlough, leaving myself and an Indian pastor to carry on this work. We have been informed that we will not be permitted to send in additional foreign missionaries. The Ceylon Government's stand against Christianity is still a firm one, and our hope and prayer is that this anti-Christian policy will in time weaken, so that more workers will be allowed to join us in our difficult task, with the help of God, of turning souls lost in sin from Buddhism and Hinduism to Christianity."



CHARLES L. FRY

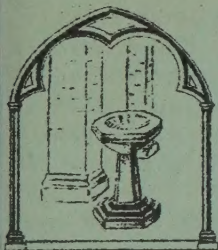
"Years ago, when in meetings of the London Lutheran Missionary Society we dreamed of what is happening in our church today, we anticipated the difficulties but never the success which the Lord has placed upon our efforts." So reminisces the newest member of the Executive Council, Mr. Charles Fry.

Mr. Fry was appointed an interim member to succeed Mr. Victor Graf in January 1958. This Executive Council appointment was ratified by the 1958 Synod.

Charles Louis Fry was born on January 12, 1913 at Wallsend near Newcastle. After spending his youth in Germany where he was apprenticed as a farm machinery mechanic, he returned to London to enter the meat trade. Since 1937, he has owned and managed his own business in North London. He saw 4½ years' service in the British Army during the War.

Mr. Fry is an active member of Luther-Tyndale where he has worshipped regularly since 1937. A member of the Church Council, he also plays a leading part in the choir. He was a founding member and second chairman of the London Lutheran Missionary Society. Until his Council appointment, he was a member of the ELCE Board for Lutheran Agencies.

# That's My Church



Every Sunday we say in the Creed: "I believe in the church". We believe in it even though we can not see it, not the real thing. But we know quite certainly that the church is there where the

Word and Sacraments are in action. We believe in the church even though we cannot look into men's hearts and observe the success or failure of Word and Sacraments, whether there is faith or not. As long as people gather around Word and Sacraments, we know that God is getting at them and are right in treating them as members of the church. Some of them may be hypocrites, but it is God's business to look into that, not ours. He sees the heart of each one of us, and what He sees in mine does not give me much prompting to sit in judgment on the hearts of others.

However, we mean even more when we say: "I believe in the church". We are also declaring the principle according to which we would live and act, that which gives meaning and shape to our lives.

We had better be sure that this is really true, for when we say: "I believe in the church", we are speaking not only to one another but also to God. And He is not much impressed by a man saying he believes in the church but only finds time to come to church once in a while. Has, in fact, such a man the right to say the Creed at all?

The Creed is a declaration of what we live by. To say: "I believe in the church" means we will attend church regularly, work with fellow-members to build it, and bear witness to Him to whom we belong as linked members of His body, His church.



**TOTTENHAM**      The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, August 31st, a happy and memorable day at Holy Trinity when a crowded congregation of grateful worshippers saw Roger Winger installed as their new pastor ... Mr. Winger is the ninth pastor and the third Canadian to serve Holy Trinity in its 55 years of existence ... Luther-Tyndale Choir sang "The Lord is My Shepherd" ... Pastor Winger announced the plans of the Youth Leaders, William Martin and John Brown, for children 4 - 6 on Monday evenings and for 7 - 16 on Fridays ... reorganization of Holy Trinity Choir and possible formation of a Children's Choir ... 60 adults and 90 children at Summer Outing at Westcliffe-on-Sea heard ELCE Youth Board Chairman John Sims address them during 2/6d. tea ... Pastor Louis Brighton has received and accepted a call to 366-member Lutheran church in American Midwest ... his address: 1010, Brush College Road, Decatur, Illinois.

**BOREHAM WOOD**      Ten adults form new class to study Lutheran doctrine ... due to family and work responsibilities, the class will meet in three sections ... 35 children and parents enjoyed the Summer Outing to Whipsnade Zoo on August 16 ... Various visitors from Australia and America at recent services ... landscape gardener proceeds with grassing and kerbing of church grounds.

**CAMBRIDGE**      Research into the 16th-century Latin theological treatises of M. Luther transferred from Cambridge to Oporto while the Nagel family enjoy a holiday on the Atlantic coast of Portugal ... Pastor and Mrs. Sims will be the guests of the Nagels in Oporto for a few days ... on Sunday, October 21st, the first ELCE service in Cambridge will be conducted at St. Michael's just off the market square in the centre of the town ... Assistant Professor Holland Jones of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will spend his sabbatical year in study at the University.

**PETTS WOOD**      The second confirmation service of Christ Lutheran Church on August 24th added seven youth to the communicant membership of the ELCE's fifth congregation ... Church Council meets weekly to prepare first budget and to consider submission of another application to Orpington Council for permission to use the parsonage for religious activities ... Mr. Sidney Watkins appointed Superintendent of Sunday School.

**GRINDON**      Several Sunderland architects consulted by Pastor Bosch on behalf of the Executive Council for development of Grindon site ... meanwhile an unofficial committee of Messrs. Stolz, Armstrong and Rayner continue their search for a suitable flat or house for Pastor and Mrs. Desmond Jose when they arrive in October ... in conjunction with St. Timothys, Grindon Mission will acquire its own 16mm. projector not only for the Autumn Film Series but for regular, year-round film showings.

**CARDIFF**      At a special meeting called on 11th of August to hear Pastor Brammeier's report, the Executive Council resolved to go ahead with the development of the Fairwater church site in Cardiff ... the "Reema" building, prefabricated but permanent, was considered but declined on the grounds that the saving in building costs was more than offset by the better appearance and suitability of an individually - designed structure ... Pastor Brammeier was asked to submit the names of likely Cardiff architects ... decision of Fairwater Institute to make their hall available a second evening of the week during October will make more effective the Autumn Film Series ... 2500 handbills will be distributed each week in the Fairwater area to advertise each of the four films to be shown ... Pastor Brammeier is gratified by the progress of the youth group which now has more than twenty regular attendants.

# A Farewell Message

Before his departure for Australia after two months in Britain during which he preached at all but one of our congregations and missions, the Rev. C. D. Nagel wrote the following:

"My greatest joy has been to meet the pastors of your church, to sit with them in conference, to enjoy the hospitality of their homes, and to visit the various congregations. Your church is blessed with wise leadership and is served by a splendid and faithful ministry. I shall be happy to speak about it to your fellow-Christians in Australia. I shall plead your cause vigorously and endeavour to secure even greater support for the expansion of your work. I leave you with the prayer that Jesus abide with you with His presence and abundant blessing. May the Holy Spirit keep you close to Him in a firm and implicit faith, in unyielding loyalty to His life-giving Word, and in joyful and willing service of His church. God bless the ELCE, its members, and its pastors!"

## APPEAL FOR TOYS FOR HUNGARIAN CHILDREN

Following the successful plea made September 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke of 24. Barrowgate Road, London, W.4. again appeal for small light toys in good condition to be enclosed in Christmas parcels to needy Lutheran families in Hungary. For Christmas arrival the toys should be at the Brooke home at the end of October. Why not have your Sunday School children donate, and the Youth Club recondition, the toys?

## BIBLE CLASS LEADERS CONFER

Six pastors and eight laymen met at the ELCE headquarters at 42, Museum Street, on Sunday afternoon, August 10th, to discuss with Dr. Oscar Feucht of St. Louis, Missouri, better methods and attendance at Bible Class. Dr. Feucht is a leader in this department of Christian education.



## HOLY TRINITY INSTALLS AND WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

The Reverend Roger E. Winger was installed as the pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Tottenham, on Sunday, August 31, by the Rev. E. Geo. Pearce, Chairman of the ELCE Executive Council. The new pastor is a Canadian, twenty-four years old, and a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary of St. Louis in 1958. He succeeds the Rev. Louis Brighton who served the congregation from 1952-58.

In the four months in which Holy Trinity had no pastor, "out of 34 services only one reading service had to be arranged", Mr. A. M. Kahl, President of the congregation, stated in thanking all the London pastors who co-operated in supplying the Tottenham pulpit during the vacancy.

On Saturday, September 6th, Pastor and Mrs. Winger were honoured by a congregational reception. The Wingers will reside at 4, Norfolk Avenue, London N.13 (Telephone: BOWes Park 0436).

## AUSTRALIAN PASTOR DECLINES ELCE CALL

The Rev. Everard Leske of Melbourne, Australia has declined the call extended to him by the Executive Council. In a letter dated August 20, he stated that "the acute shortage of men in our Australian ministry" was the chief reason for his decision. Eight established parishes have no pastor at present; twelve new fields require pastors that cannot be supplied. Pastor Leske himself was one of the pastors commissioned to bring this serious shortage of pastors to the attention of Australian congregations. "I simply could not emphasize these facts and the people's duty in this matter," he wrote, "without becoming more and more convinced of what was my duty in the present situation".

## LUTHERAN PIANIST AT WIGMORE HALL

Clemens Leske, brother of Pastor Everard Leske, will give a pianoforte recital at London's celebrated Wigmore Hall on Sept. 16th. After his London debut, Mr. Leske will play in Europe and America.

## ST. ANDREWS OFFERED LEASE ON CHURCH SITE

A plot of land, 117'x100', at the corner of White Road and Queens Walk has been offered as a possible church site to St. Andrews Lutheran Congregation of South Ruislip. The terms are a 99-year lease at a ground rent of £300 per annum. The Building Committee of the congregation will meet with members of the Executive Council at the site on an early date to discuss the offer.

## GRINDON PASTOR MARRIES IN AMERICA

The Rev. Desmond Jose, pastor of Grindon Lutheran Mission, was married to Miss Marjorie Loberg of Amherst Junction, Wisconsin, Sunday, August 31st. Mr. Jose will return to England on October 4th and will be installed shortly thereafter as ELCE missionary in the Grindon mission. At its September 4th meeting, the Executive Council considered the appointment of a Sunderland architect for the immediate erection of a parsonage and church or hall.

## HARLOW APPLICATION SUCCESSFUL

In response to an application submitted by the ELCC on May 21st, Harlow Development Corporation have offered a church site of 2/3 acre in the Tye Green Neighbourhood of Harlow New Town. One of the satellite towns built on the perimeter of London to draw off population from the metropolis, Harlow is situated 20 miles NE of London.

## ST. TIMOTHYS MEMBERS REDECORATE PARSONAGE

Led by their pastor, the Rev. Floyd Bosch, members and friends of St. Timothys Lutheran Church took brushes and paint in hand and completely redecorated the parsonage at 18 Crosslea Avenue, Sunderland. "Besides the very considerable savings in labour costs", Mr. Bosch reports, "this endeavour did much to promote fellowship and the feeling of family in our congregation". Early in the year, St. Timothys members gave similar treatment to the church hall at Grindon in preparation for its first Lutheran service.

# CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

YOUR SAVINGS  
INVESTED IN MISSIONS  
WILL EARN

3½%  
INTEREST

POST THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION TODAY

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YOUR INVESTMENT IS NEEDED FOR

1. Church and site at Ruislip
2. Parsonage and hall at Grindon
3. Hall and site at Cardiff

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## THREE ADDED TO LUTHERAN AGENCIES STAFF

Since moving into new premises at 42, Museum St., Lutheran Agencies have added three to their staff including Miss Joan Kemp of Holy Trinity, reports Mr. Eric Smith, manager. This brings the total people employed and salaried by Lutheran Agencies to nine.

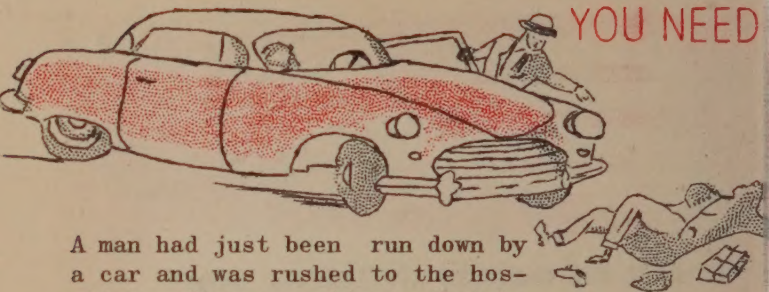
## 35 JUNIORS AT HOLIDAY BIBLE CAMP

35 happy children scrambled out of a special carriage of British Railways at St. Pancras Station on Saturday, August 30. They had enjoyed a week of Bible study and recreation at the 1958 Holiday Bible Camp at Hothorpe Hall under the leadership of Pastor Marvin Brammeier and "Auntie" Charlotte Lawton.

The week following, August 30 - September 6, 12 Senior Youth from various ELCE congregations and missions met at Hothorpe Hall. "What Shall I Do with My Life?" was the camp theme. Pastor Norman Heintz and Miss Charlotte Lawton were the leaders.



# THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE YOU NEED



A man had just been run down by a car and was rushed to the hospital. It was evident that he could not live through the night.

Facing death, he was tortured by an accusing conscience. Physicians, attendants and nurses tried to quiet him, but he refused to be comforted.

A Lutheran pastor, visiting the ward, was called. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, the pastor asked the dying man if he was convinced of his sinfulness before God. "Yes! Yes!" the man cried in fierce pain. It was just that which filled him with terror. The pastor spoke to him of Jesus. The man sank back, a look of peace on his face, and died.

Would you be ready to meet your God if you were run down by a car today?

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